

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Doug Mood, Vice Chairman
Brad Molnar, Commissioner, via telephone
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Ken Toole, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(111) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of February 19, 2007.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of February 19, 2007. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Jim Paine, Legal Division

(112) In the matter of D2007.2.21-3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative. 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative filed a Petition for Arbitration of interconnection agreement.

Commissioner Toole moved to appoint the Commission as arbitrator and Jim Paine as hearings examiner. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(113) In the matter of D2006.6.81-OneEighty Communications, Inc. Qwest's residential and business incentive programs application.

Commissioner Raney moved to grant the protective order concerning Qwest Data Request No. 1 in D2006.6.81. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Joel Tierney, Utility Division

(114) In the matter of D2007.1.17-Westech Energy Corporation. Westech Energy Corporation request for Change to New Corporate Entity.

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the request to transfer assets from Westech to KWB. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Al Brogan, Legal Division

(115) In the matter of D2006.10.141-Northwestern Energy. Filing of Northwestern Energy's Cost of Providing Electric and Natural Gas Service in Montana.

Commissioner Toole moved to waive the requirement for an affidavit of a qualified person and to grant a protective order with the standard terms and conditions for Northwestern Energy's federal and state income tax returns for 2003 through 2005. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(116) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2006.6.82. Northwestern Energy Corporation and Babcock and Brown Infrastructure Ltd. Sale and Transfer Docket.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to litigate the preliminary injunction and to litigate the merits of the case, and unless a preliminary injunction is issued prior to the hearing date, the Commission will proceed with the hearing. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Vice Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

KEN TOOLE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

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